

REMARKS

Applicants have added new Claims 6-12 to this application. Therefore, Claims 1-12 are all pending in this application.

The Specification was objected to because of a minor informality. The Applicants have corrected the minor informality.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyashita, U.S. Patent No. 5,782,548 ("Miyashita").

The Applicants traverse the rejection and request reconsideration.

Claims 6-12 have been added in this application and are respectfully submitted for examination.

I. Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has stated that in the specification at page 11 lines 17-18 , the phrase "are respectively corresponded" should be "respectively corresponds." The Applicants have inserted the correction as suggested by the Examiner (see Amendments to Specification, page 2).

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the Miyashita patent. Claim 1 requires a “network communication means”(see Amendments to the Claims, page 3).

There is no explicit or implicit teaching in the Miyashita patent that anticipates a “network communication means” between the “first image and voice display means” and a “personal computer provided with a second image and voice display means.” In fact, the Miyashita patent teaches the use of an RS-232C interface rather than a network. In Figure 4 and column 8 line 12 of the Miyashita patent, the serial transmission line 50 is explicitly referred to as an RS-232 interface. Applicants respectfully submit that the RS-232C interface is single-ended. In single ended connections, communications can only occur between two specific devices. In network communications, however, multiple devices can communicate with any other device or devices connected to the network. Therefore, the Miyashita patent does not anticipate (nor remotely suggest) “network communications means” as a method of communications between the “first image and voice display means” and a “personal computer provided with a second image and voice display means.”

For the above reasons, Applicants believe that the amended Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Because Claims 2-5 have the limitations of Claim 1, Applicants believe that these Claims are in condition for allowance.

By this Amendment, Applicants have added new dependent Claim 6 to further define the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully submit that new Claim 6 should be allowable at least by virtue of the limitation of “network communication means” as discussed earlier.

By this Amendment, Applicants have added new independent claim 7 and new dependent Claims 8-12. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims should be allowable at least by virtue of the limitation of “network communications.”

III. Formalities

Applicants thank the Examiner for accepting the drawings filed on August 21, 2001.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document was received.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for references cited on the PTO-892 form attached to the Office Action of June 17, 2003.

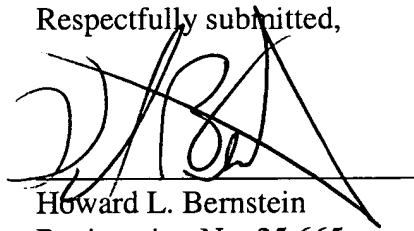
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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